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SUBJECT: OECD AGRICULTURE : WP3 AND WP4 MEETING FEBRUARY 26-27, 1974

1. WP3(DAIRY PRODUCTS) REEWLECTED BRUGGER (SWITZERLAND) CHAIRMAN AND LUXEN (BELGIUM) VICE CHAIRMAN. WP4(MEAT) REELECTED BUIATTI (ITALY) CHAIRMAN.

2. DISCUSSION OF DAIRY SITUATION IN OECD COUNTRIES INDICATED BUTTERFAT SURPLUSES BUILDING UP IN EC. THIS BUILDUP IS AGGRAVATED BY SHIFTS INTO LOW-FAT MILK. ON THE OTHER HAND, PROJECTION METHODOLOGY EXCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF THE EFFECTS OF THE BEEF CONVERSION PROGRAM. NEW ZEALAND'S ESTIMATED JANUARY THROUGH MARCH CHEESE PRODUCTION 24,000 M.T. BARELY EQUAL TO PROSPECTIVE EXPORTS TO U.S. MILK PRODUCTION JANUARY-FEBRUARY 20 TO 30 PERCENT BELOW YEAR EARLIER BECAUSE OF DROUGHT.

3. JOINT WP3-WP4 MEETING APPROVED FOR A STUDY ON THE PROBLEMS IN PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BEEF WITH SWISS, BELGIAN AND U.S. REPS ENCOURAGING ANALYSIS OF MARKETING MARGINS AND DISTRIBUTION EFFICIENCY (AGR/WP3(74)4 AND AGR/WP4(74)3).

4. MEAT SITUATION REPORTS UNCERTAIN, DIVERGENT AND IMPOSSIBLE TO SUMMARRIZE. MOST SIGNIFICANT FOR U.S. IS NEW ZEALAND DROUGHT.

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